

Acts of the Apostles 10:35-48__ Lesson 27

Peter's Message to Cornelius

1. A Mystery Reminder

- a. Peter did not teach Paul's pattern to Cornelius. Cornelius followed Peter's pattern.
- b. Ignorance of what is the mystery of Christ leads to misinterpreting Acts 10
- c. It's not merely salvation, forgiveness, Jesus died and rose again, Gentile blessing
- d. It is the new creature, the Body of Christ, formed by those saved freely by His grace without the law, Israel, or covenants (i.e. thru faith in Christ's finished cross work)
- e. Not one chapter in this record of Israel's fall is written to focus on mystery doctrine

2. Acts 10:34-38 – An Old Message

- a. *"no respecter of persons"* – Not new: Deu 1:17, 10:17, Pro 24:23, John 7:24 Jam 2:9
- b. 10:35 – Israel is not accepted having no fear or righteous work - (contrast Titus 3:5)
- c. 10:36 – *"sent unto the children of Israel"* – Matt 15:24, John 1:11, Rom 15:8
- d. *"preaching peace"* – This is kingdom peace - Isa 9:6-7, 32:15-17, Luke 1:79, 10:5-9
- e. 10:37 – *How* did they know? It's not new. *Where?* Judaea/Galilee. *When?* Mk 1:14
- f. 10:38 – God's anointing of Jesus with the Holy Ghost → Mark 1:8-10
- g. The Hebrew apostles message always hearkens back to MMLJ – 1John 1:1, 2:3,7
- h. Jesus did good, did miracles, and proved he was Christ, God with him
- i. This message is the same message Peter preached at Pentecost – Acts 2:22-24

3. Acts 10:39-43 – Witnesses of His Death and Resurrection

- a. Study tip: Don't read back into the past what has not yet been revealed.
- b. 10:39 - *"Witnesses of all things"* – What things? The things in 10:38 not Acts 9
- c. *"they slew and hanged"* - The death of Christ was to Israel's shame / condemnation
- d. The death and resurrection of Christ was prophesied – Lk 18:31, Acts 2:31,36, 3:18
- e. *"witnesses chosen"* – John 6:70, 15:16; Acts 1:8, 1:22, 2:32, 3:15, 4:33
- f. Chosen for what purpose? Peter chosen to rule, Paul to reveal – Eph 3:1-11
- g. *"eat and drink with him"* – Jesus has a fleshly body ... –Luke 24:36-43
- h. Jesus told them to speak what the prophets said, when? Luke 24:44-49
- i. The message: Jesus is Judge of all, prophecy of Christ, forgiveness in his name
- j. None of this is the mystery of Christ... but what happens next is new.

4. Acts 10:44-48 – A Holy Ghost Interruption

- a. What followed the preaching of Jesus as Christ? Luke 24:49, Acts 2:33, 38
- b. They heard and believed, but then God acted, NOT Peter – Acts 8:14-17
- c. Tongues are sign to the unbeliever – Here a sign was given to the circumcision.
- d. God interrupted Peter's message! → Acts 11:15, and he has to tell the brethren.